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J. J. BARGE, Secretary.

Seventy-First Session, 1900
Owl Rock Church,
November 22-25, 1900.

MINUTES

OF THE

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1891, J. McD. Radford,	Carrollton,....."
1892, W. P. Bryant,	Newnan,....."
1895, A. G. Upshaw,	Stockbridge,....."
1897, S. J. Robinson,	Brooks Station,....."
1897, A. B. Phillips,	Pittsburgh,.....Pennsylvania
1899, E. B. Aycock,	Waco,.....Georgia
1899, L. C. Wilkerson,	Georgetown,....."
1900, C. W. Tumlin,	Winder,....."
D. H. Mobley,	Auburn,....."
T. J. Lyle,	Live Oak,.....Florida

LAYMEN.

Mitchell Chapel--J. P. Burdett, Peachtree P.O., Atlanta, Ga.
 Union Mission--W. D. Starr, Jake, Ga.
 Bowden Circuit--W. G. McDaniel.
 Newnan Circuit--E. A. Huckaby, J. W. Plant.
 Tallapoosa Circuit--J. T. Hutcheson, Draketown, Ga.
 Tallapoosa Circuit--Joseph Fridell, McWhorter, Ga.
 Laurel Branch--John H. Beck.
 Jersey Circuit--J. L. Mobley, Jersey, Ga.; A. F. Pennington, Newton Factory, Ga.
 Cedar Grove Circuit--J. S. Owens.
 Riverdale Circuit--A. Conkle, W. N. Bearden.
 Pomona Mission--H. L. Dorsey, Pomona, Ga.
 Waco Circuit--R. H. Parker, Waco, Ga.
 Walton Circuit--J. I. J. Bell, Monroe, Ga.
 Rome Mission--J. R. Clemons.
 DeKalb Circuit--E. O. Hunt, Ellenwood, Ga.
 Jackson Circuit--E. S. Lane.

Honorary Members.

... Thurman. Simpson, J. W. and W. W. Plant, J. W. Shuttlesworth, Oscar
 J. Hastings, A. D. Pace, G. W. Riley, John Wallace, B. T. McGarity.

OFFICERS.

REV. J. McD. RADFORD, President,
J. J. BARGE, Secretary,
REV. J. A. MCGARITY, Steward.

Faculty of Instruction.

R. S. McGarity, J. McD. Radford, W. J. Causey.

Board of Church Extension.

J. McD. Radford, R. S. McGarity, G. W. Morris, J. A. McGarity. B. F. Morris.

Committees.

Standing District—R. S. McGarity, J. O. A. Radford, W. J. Causey, B. T. McGarity, A. Conkle, E. S. Lane.

Credentials—J. A. McGarity, W. D. Starr, E. O. Hunt.

Religious Service—R. H. Parker, S. M. Garrett, J. P. Burdett, W. A. Campbell.

Nominations—J. A. McGarity, W. J. McDaniel, W. N. Bearden.

Statistics—S. M. Garrett, J. L. Mobley, E. A. Hukaby.

Temperance—R. H. Parker, E. C. Jordon, J. C. Patrick.

General Interests—G. W. Tumlin, J. S. Cwens, E. B. Aycock, William Burns, S. M. Garrett.

Finance—J. I. J. Bell, E. S. Lane, G. W. Tumlin.

Official Character—G. W. Morris, A. Conkle, E. S. Lane.

Orders and Itinerary—R. S. McGarity, G. W. Morris, R. H. Parker, W. G. McDaniel.

Obituaries—G. W. Morris, W. N. Bearden, Joseph Fridell.

Boundaries—G. W. Morris, J. C. Patrick, J. I. J. Bell, J. S. Owens, A. J. Conkle.

Stationing—R. S. McGarity, W. B. Costly, S. J. Robinson, R. H. Parker, J. L. Mobley.

Publishing—J. J. Barge.

PROCEEDINGS—SYNOPTICAL.

THURSDAY, Nov. 22, 1900, 9:30 A. M.

Conference opened with religious exercises by the President.

Conference called to order by the President, J. McD. Radford.

J. J. Barge was elected Secretary pro. tem.

The President then made his annual report, which was received and referred to the committees on Finance and General Interests.

Rev. G. E. McManiman, Secretary Home Mission Board, and Rev. John Mozley, of the Alabama M. P. Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, it was agreed that Secretary McManiman be given an opportunity to present the interests he represents at 3 o'clock this p. m.

Committees on Credentials, Statistics, Temperance; Pulpit, Service and Official Character, were appointed. (See coms.)

The regular order of business was suspended and the election of officers set for 10 o'clock a. m., Friday.

Bar of Conference fixed and members invited within.

11 a. m., Conference took recess until 1 p. m. to listen to Secretary McManiman preach a powerful sermon from Romans 8: 26.

AFTERNOON.

Letters were received from Mrs. E. A. Johnson, G. E. McManiman, T. J. Ogburn, J. C. Berrien, A. G. Upshaw, W. J. Causey, Ross' Chapel, T. J. Whitehead, A. Maulden, T. J. Tyle, W. N. Kimsey, F. T. Tagg and referred to the proper committees.

J. J. Barge was appointed to represent the publishing interests of the church.

Committee on Credentials reported. (See report.)

On motion, the following were elected as a committee on nomination:—J. A. McGarity, W. G. McDaniel and W. N. Bearden.

3 p. m., Secretary McManiman presented in a very strong manner the cause of Home Missions.

It was ordered that Conference hours be fixed at 9 to 11 a. m., and 1 to 4 p. m.

FRIDAY, Nov. 23, 1900.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. S. J. Robinson, Scripture lesson; Psalm 38.

Rev. J. T. Robinson, fraternal messenger from the North Georgia (col.) conference was introduced and spoke in behalf of his conference.

Minutes of Thursday read and adopted.

Report of committee on Official Character received and adopted. (See report.)

Committee on nominations reported. See report. The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the conference for the nominees; which was done.

The Standing District Committee was elected. See committee.

The order of the day having arrived, the election of officers was entered upon which resulted as follows: For President, Rev. J. McD. Radford, for Secretary, J. J. Barge.

The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the conference for Rev. J. A. McGarity for Conference Steward. The ballot was so cast.

Committee on Fraternal relations appointed.

Resolution offered by J. L. Mobley to fix a time limit of three years on ministers serving a circuit. Motion to lie on the table lost. Resolution left.

11 a. m., Preaching by Rev. J. C. Patrick, Luke 23: 33.

AFTERNOON.

Committee on General Interest, Finance, Orders and Itinerary and Obituaries, were appointed.

Committee on Fraternal Relation reported. Report adopted. [See report.]

Report of Board of Church Extension received and adopted. (See report.)

The Conference designated the Bank of Monroe as a depository for the funds of the Board of Church Extension.

2:30 p. m. Conference adjourned for the day.

SATURDAY, Nov. 24, 1909.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Bro. W. G. McDaniel. Scripture lesson Psalm 103.

Letters were received from Dr. D. S. Stephens, D. H. Mobley and J. C. Berrien, and referred to proper committees.

Boundaries Committee reported. Report was considered seriatim, and adopted. (See report.)

Hon. W. C. Adamson was introduced and invited to an honorary seat on the floor of the Conference.

The roll was called and the ministers gave the relations they would sustain to the Conference.

The President made the following appointments to Union Camp-meeting: Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. C. Patrick, Rev. E. B. Aycock, Rev. J. A. McGarity and Rev. W. B. Costley.

Hon. W. C. Adamson, on polity of M. P. Church.

J. J. Barge, on History of M. P. Church.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Report adopted. (See report.)

On motion, it was ordered that the President's report be published in the minutes.

It was ordered that the Publishing interests be presented immediately on the assembling of the Conference in the afternoon.

11 a. m., Preaching by Rev. J. A. McGarity—Luke 26: 49.

AFTERNOON.

Publishing Interests presented.

Report of Stationery Committee received and adopted. (See report.)

The Conference took up for consideration and action the Questions sent down from the last General Conference.

On Question No. 1, the Conference voted No.

The Conference voted No on Question No. 2

On Question No. 3 the Conference voted Yes.

The Conference voted Yes on Question No. 4.

It was ordered that the President appoint a Publishing Committee, and that the Secretary receive the sum of \$10.00 for his services.

Board of Church Extension was elected. (See Board.)

Report of Committee on Temperance was received and adopted. (See report.)

Committee on Orders and Itinerary received and adopted. And it was ordered that Ordination take place Sunday after the 11 o'clock sermon.

It was ordered that the next session of the Conference be held at Anvil Block Church, on Thursday, Nov. 14, 1901.

Report of Committee on Statistics received and adopted. (See report.)

Report of Committee on General Interests received and adopted. (See report.)

Report of Committee on Finance received and adopted. (See report.)

Resolution of thanks offered and adopted.

Report of Conference Steward received and adopted.

The Secretary was appointed Publishing Committee.

Ordered that the Publishing committee publish as many minutes as the funds in hand will authorize.

Minutes of session read and adopted.

SUNDAY, 11 A. M.

Ordination sermon Preached by President Radford, after which the Secretary presented Rev. G. W. Tumlin who was duly ordained by the President, assisted by Rev. G. W. Morris and Rev. R. S. McGarity.

Conference adjourned.

J. McD. RADFORD, President.

J. J. BARGE, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Stationing Committee.

Atlanta Mission—W. B. Costley, Pastor.

Bowden Circuit—J. McD. Radford, Pastor; W. J. Cansey, Associate.

Cedar Grove—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.

Anvil Block Mission—Unsupplied.

Gordon Circuit—W. N. Kimsey, Pastor.

DeKalb Circuit—S. M. Garrett, Pastor.

Jackson Circuit—G. W. Tumlin, Pastor.

Tallapoosa Circuit—Left to be supplied, with T. J. Biggers, Associate.

Waco Circuit—E. B. Aycock, Pastor.

Tallapoosa Mission—Unsupplied.

Newnan Circuit—W. P. Bryant, Pastor.

Laurel Branch Circuit—J. M. Lankford, Pastor.

Randolph Circuit—L. C. Wilkinson, Pastor.

Riverdale Circuit—W. B. Costley, Pastor.

Rome and Cave Springs Circuit—E. C. Jordan, Pastor.

Walton Circuit—J. A. McGarity, Pastor; J. O. A. Radford, Associate.

Oconee Mission—Unsupplied.

Jersey Circuit—J. C. Patrick, Pastor.

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List of Deceased Ministers of the Georgia Conference, 1900.

T. J. Johnson, N. Trimble.

LOCAL PREACHERS.—D. C. Stokes, A. D. McKinsey, W. S. Johnson, J. S. Bridges, J. M. McCalman, N. W. Wortham.

MINISTERS Left in the hand of President—J. B. Earnest, A. Maulden, A. B. Phillips, A. G. Uphaw, D. H. Mobley, T. J. Tyle, S. J. Robinson, G. W. Morris, Superannuated.

Report of Station Committee.

J. L. MOBLEY, Secretary.

Boundary.

Atlanta Mission—Mitchell's Chapel.
 Bowdon Circuit—Bowdon, Victory, Carrollton Smith's Chapel; Harmony attached as a Mission.
 Cedar Grove Circuit—Cedar Grove, Owl Rock, Stockbridge.
 Anvil Block Mission—Anvil Block.
 Gordon Circuit—Mt. Pleasant, Woodlawn, Fowler's Chapel, Shiloh.
 DeKalb Circuit—Mt. Zion, Kelly Chapel, Clifton, New Hope.
 Jackson Circuit—Pentecost, Pleasant Grove, Nazareth, Pleasant Hill.
 Tallapoosa Circuit—Harmony Grove, Pleasant Grove, Rock Springs, Mt. Carmel; Union Grove attached to this Circuit as a Mission.
 Waco Circuit—Waco, Mandeville, New Hope, Union.
 Tallapoosa Mission—Tallapoosa.
 Newnan Circuit—Brooks Station, Mt. Zion, Lee's Chapel, Oak Grove.
 Laurel Branch Circuit—Laurel Branch, Union Hill.
 Randolph Circuit—Sharon, Trinity.
 Riverdale Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Poplar Springs, Hopewell.
 Rome and Cave Springs Circuit—Rome, Reeve's Station, Montgomery Chapel, Heywood.
 Walton Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Union Chapel, New Hope.
 Pomona Mission—Pomona.
 Oconee Mission—Ross' Chapel.
 Jersey Circuit—Alcovy, Brown's Chapel, Austin's Chapel, Newton Factory.
 G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

General Interests.

Your Committee on General Interests, after a careful survey of the field as our limited opportunity affords, respectfully submit the following:

We regret the small amount contributed to Home and Foreign Missions. We are sure this is due in some measure to failure in presenting intelligently the work and needs of these Boards. We insist that it is the duty of every pastor to thoroughly acquaint himself therewith, that he may know his plain duty in the matter. It is the duty of our pastors and laymen, not only to pray the Lord to send laborers into his vineyard, but to keep our eyes open that we may see these laborers when they come, and open our hearts that we may contribute to the education of such laborers, as God has given us ability. Ministerial education is not only one of our interests, but most important to our Church, in Georgia.

We are glad to know that our Church Extension Board has determined that as far as in it lies, there shall be no further loss of its funds on account of venture-some investments. We hope that a renewed confidence in our Board will bring increased collections for that interest.

We recommend that the Conference Steward be directed to provide himself with a book for all his accounts, and that he proceed to his duties as set forth in the President's report.

We further recommend a Conference Calendar and suggest the following:

January—Home Missions.	February—Foreign Missions.
March—Church Extension.	April—Ministerial Education.
October—Conference Collection.	

G. W. TUMLIN, Chairman.

Credentials.

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the certificates of the following named brethren and find them duly elected to this Conference.

(See membership roll.)

J. A. MCGARITY, Chairman.

Orders and Itinerancy.

Your Committee on Orders and Itinerancy report as follows:

We have examined Brother Wilkerson on Gifts and Graces and cannot recommend his ordination to Elders Orders. We have also examined G. W. Tumlin on Gifts and Graces and recommend his ordination by this Conference to Elders Orders.

R. S. McGARITY, Chairman.

Temperance.

The Methodist Protestant Church reaffirm its former position upon questions of Temperance. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a Church, stand pledged for Temperance and total abstinence, and would urge upon our membership to continue its unceasing warfare against the whisky traffic and every other intoxicant, and to teach our children to abstain from every evil which degrades mankind.

R. H. PARKER, Chairman.

Obituaries.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Bro. T. J. Johnson, and Bro. N. Trimble; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, touched with a sense of deepest sorrow at the loss of these dear brethren, bow in submission to this dispensation of our Heavenly Father.

Resolved further, That we sincerely deplore the loss to the Georgia Annual Conference, and tender to the families of our deceased brethren our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That copies of the above preamble and resolution be sent to the families of our deceased brethren, and also to the Methodist Protestant for publication; and that the Secretary be directed to sacredly dedicate a page of our journal to their memory.

G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

Board of Church Extension.

Since the last session of our Annual Conference, your Board has held one meeting and elected its officers, as follows: J. McD. Radford, Chairman; J. A. McGarity, Secretary; R. S. McGarity, Treasurer.

The Treasurer submits herewith his report, and we respectfully ask this Conference to adopt a repository for our funds, that our Treasurer may there make his depository.

J. McD. RADFORD, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report of Board of Church Extensions:

Amount on hand	\$26 59
From Conference Collections.....	10 65
On Deposit	378 70
Total Amount	\$415 94

R. S. McGARITY, Treasurer.

Official Characters.

We recommend the passage of the Official Character of the following brethren:

G. W. Morris, T. J. Biggers, J. O. A. Radford, R. S. McGarity, W. J. Causey, E. C. Jordan, W. B. Costley, S. M. Garrett, J. C. Patrick, J. McD. Radford, W. P. Bryant, A. G. Uphaw, S. J. Robinson, E. B. Aycock, L. C. Wilkerson, J. A. McGarity, G. W. Tumlin, J. M. Lanford, J. B. Earnest, W. N. Kimsey.

G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

Finance.

We recommend that each pastor in the Georgia District endeavors to collect five cents per member to pay the expense of our delegates to Ecumenical Conference which meets in London in September, 1901.

We further recommend that each pastor collect for Foreign Missions the sum of ten cents per member; for Home Missions fourteen cents per member; Church Extension five cents per member. And the same amount for ministerial Education.

J. I. J. BELL, Chairman.

Fraternal Relations.

We the Committee on Fraternal Relations appointed by the Methodist Protestant Church of the Georgia District, now in session at Owl Rock, ask permission to bear our kindest regards and Christian greetings to the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, now in session at Atlanta, Ga., and bid them God's speed in the prosecution of their many Christian enterprises intended for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

W. G. McDANIEL, Chairman.

Publishing.

Received from Steward.		\$40 25
Paid for publishing Minutes, 1100 copies.	21 50	
Paid Secretary's Fee	10 00	
Paid for postage, stationery, etc.	8 75	

\$40 25

J. J. BARGE, Committee.

Resolution—Thanks.

1. Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered the good people of Owl Rock and community, for the very gracious entertainment extended to the members of this Annual Conference.

2. That these resolutions be read by the Secretary at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, and that the same be spread upon the minutes.

W. G. McDANIEL, Movant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Religious exercises.
3. Roll Call.
4. Enrollment of members.
5. Election officers and committees.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Introduction of Memorials, papers, etc.
8. Incidental business.
9. Adjournment.

CATECHISM.

By Committee Ministerial Character, to Ministers.

1. When did you arrive on your work?
2. When did you leave your work?
3. How many appointments have you failed to meet during Conference year? Why?
4. Have you faithfully presented the the general interests of the church and lifted the collections ordered by the conference?
5. Read your report.

TO DELEGATES:

1. Was your pastor faithful?
2. Was he exemplary?
3. Was he useful?

BY-LAWS.**Georgia District—Synoptical.**

1. No layman shall sit as a member of the annual conference until regularly enrolled or until he has given satisfactory evidence of his election. Where alternates are elected the certificates of the quarterly conference shall so express it.

2. Lay delegates to the annual conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations as follows. (a) Pastor shall notify churches at first appointment after second quarterly conference that at next appointment, the election of delegates to annual conference shall take place in each church. (d) Pastor and class-leaders shall superintend election but in case of absence of one or both the church shall appoint some person or persons to superintend election by receiving the tickets of all the voters. Such person shall then count, seal and transmit a full list of the names of voters, and number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the church, to the next quarterly conference. There, returns shall be opened in conference, counted by the Chairman and Secretary assisted by two laymen. The person or persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected and furnished with certificates accordingly.

In case of a tie, the member of quarterly conference shall decide election by a majority of votes:

(c) Eligibility to vote for trustees, only members of twenty-one years of age. For all other officers all members.

To hold office, trustees, men twenty-one years of age, women sole femme.

Delegates to annual conference, men twenty-one years of age.

Class leaders and Church Stewards, all members twenty-one years old.

Sabbath School Superintendents, all members sixteen years old.

(d) Each pastor shall forward certificate of election of lay delegates, to Secretary of annual conference, who shall make from same, roll of lay members.

3. The conference shall never appoint any man to itinerate unless he expresses himself willing to labor in that capacity.

4. Each pastor shall urge upon all members the necessity of studying our discipline and reading the church official organs.

5. No preacher or minister shall be elected to elder's orders, who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrine or ordinances of our church as set forth in our articles of religion, or who has not strictly complied with the discipline.

6. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of conference.

7. The second article of the constitution and the last clause of the first section of the detail discipline shall be understood to apply to seekers of religion only, and each church may admit to full membership, persons applying on their profession of faith in Christ, and knowledge of their sins forgiven.

8. The president shall have no power, during the recess of conference to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station, without consulting said circuit or station or its authorities.

9. A quorum shall be a majority of all members present.

10. The Secretary shall furnish to each minister in the district the following blanks, three months before the assembling of the Annual Conference: On Statistics, on Finances, on Official Character.

11. Each minister shall fill above blanks and statistics and present the same as his report, to the committee on official character.

12. At the assembling of the Annual Conference, the President shall appoint a committee of five styled the committee on the official character, to whom shall be admitted that part of the pastor's report consisting of inquiries concerning discharge of pastoral duties, and this committee, as soon as possible, render its report to the conference.

13. In the case of death of our ministers, committee on pulpit services, at succeeding Annual Conference, shall appoint an hour during that session for memorial services.

14. It shall be the duty of the Board of Stewards, to organize immediately after elected and organize by electing a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. To solicit, receive and expend all funds coming regularly into their hands and to keep a full, complete and accurate register of all their proceedings, receipts and expenditures.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Seventy-first Session of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at Owl Rock Church, Campbell County, Ga.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In submitting to you a report of my official acts since the last session of our Conference, permit me before proceeding with the details of this report to acknowledge profoundest gratitude to ministry and laity, for the uniform kindness and consideration extended your president.

My travels over the District have been very limited, but have been necessarily so, by reason of my own circuit work and limited means of travel.

We have visited the following charges: Atlanta Mission, Bowdon Circuit, Laurel Branch Circuit, Jackson Circuit, Jersey Circuit, and DeKalb Circuit.

The following appointments and changes in pastoral supply, have been made since the adjournment of our last session. Rev. G. C. Rundelle was received into the Quarterly Conference of Bowdon circuit and appointed to the pastorate of the same with Rev. W. J. Causey as his associate.

Rev. J. A. Earnest was appointed to the pastorate of Union Church, and Rev. W. B. Costly was made supply to Atlanta Mission. Rev. E. C. Jordan, to pastorate of Rome and Cave Spring Circuit and Rev. W. N. Kinsey, to Gordon Circuit. Rev. G. C. Rundelle, later in the year, left the Bowdon Circuit, and that too, without the knowledge or consent of said circuit, and since that time we have heard nothing of him. Rev. W. J. Causey was then made the pastor of Bowdon Circuit.

Rev. T. J. Johnson by reason of illness and financial inability was released from the pastorate of the Rome and Cave Spring Circuit.

All the above appointments and changes were made in strictest compliance with Church Law.

Early in January I visited the Laurel Branch Circuit and was present in their first Quarterly Conference of the year. In connection with Rev. J. M. Langford, their associate pastor I endeavored to arrange for their regular pastoral supply, but owing to certain arrangements made prior to the sitting of the last Annual Conference could accomplish nothing. So they have been all the year without a legally appointed pastor. The re

was a tacit understanding however that Rev. W. B. Costley would give them regular preaching. Rev. J. M. Langford their associate pastor was thus left in a relationship toward them that was more nominal than actual. We very greatly deplore this condition of affairs there, and still more such radical departure from plain Methodist Protestant law and polity. We sincerely hope no such complications will arise in this session, or if such should arise, that they will be at once reported to this body in order that it may take prompt and decisive action on the same. Let us not knowingly embarrass our next executive by laying upon him duties that he cannot discharge, nor longer foster this congregational system of stationing ministers that ever proves so disruptive to our conference.

Mutual rights as it has ever been taught in our church is as distinct from congregationalism as it is from Episcopacy, and while we do not belong to the conference as menial subjects of a higher order of the ministry we are not each "a law unto ourselves," but, each a loyal subject to the authority of the entire body of the conference composed, as it is, of all its ministers and an equal number of laymen who are charged with the duty of faithfully representing the entire laity of the district. Thus are we to "bear one another's burdens" and thus may we secure that perfect sympathy throughout the entire body of the conference that will make us to feel one another's sufferings and rejoice in one another's triumphs, and render us more effective as a member of that greater body, our entire denomination, and make that denomination more powerful to accomplish its work as a member of the great church of the Living God which is even the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. And may the Holy Ghost lead us into the way to the accomplishment of this end.

Since our last assembling in Annual Conference, one of our fellow-laborers in the ministry has passed to his reward. Rev. T. J. Johnson was loved by his entire conference and served some of its most important charges. May the God whom he served give consolation and comfort to the bereaved family.

Now, my brethren, your indulgence is asked while some suggestions as to methods of work in our District are laid before you. That something is wanting to help us to a more rapid development and growth as a church and a better occupancy of the territory already entered must be evident to every one of us. This very evident need has led us to study, as best we could, the conditions that now exist, and to offer the suggestions that follow, not so much as a safe solution of all our difficulties, as to call forth that careful consideration on your part that may result in wiser and more helpful suggestions, and determine our future course of procedure. Some of these suggestions have already gone out to every pastor in the district but you will pardon their repetition here.

1. We ought by all means to have permanently established circuits. These should be as compact as possible, not overlapping or dismembering one another, or leaving helpless and stranded weak churches already established.

2. Every circuit in the district ought to have a parsonage, and the parson ought to live in it.

3. Our church papers and our discipline ought to be found in every one of our homes throughout our district.

4. Let us adopt a uniform and feasible system of steward's work and steward's books. The result of our present negligent system prevalent in so many circuits, is a great indifference to all appeals made for our general interests, distressingly small salaries for our pastors, and constant failure to collect even these small salaries promised, and consequently forced location from the ranks of the ministry. We think this evil among us is due not so much to the indifference of our laymen and preachers as to the utter lack of system.

Our discipline certainly contemplates that Church Stewards and not pastors are to look after all the collections, while pastors are to lay these interests earnestly and intelligently before their congregations. We submit form of stewards book.

5. We ought to adopt a conference calendar for all our general interests, so that every charge in the entire district will be at work on the same general interest at the same time.

There are two advantages in this. First at the end of the month in which any interest has been before the conference, there can be published in our church papers a summarized statement of the conference's contribution to that interest. Second these comparative statements or statements showing the contribution of each charge would be stimulating to such charge.

A sixth suggestion is this, that the Conference Steward be empowered to receive all these contributions and forward each interest to its proper agent, giving in the church papers an itemized account of the various sources and amounts received. And that all conference funds be entrusted to this steward, and paid out by him only on just and sufficient vouchers for same and his report submitted to succeeding Annual Conference.

We suggest further that the amount asked of our conference for each interest be plainly stated in our printed minutes also the amount per capita so that the amount asked of each church may be readily ascertained.

Respectfully submitting the above report and humbly submitting the foregoing suggestions, and praying God's richest blessings upon you and your labors for the church. I am, your obedient servant and brother in Christ.

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